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Good Afternoon,

Below are the updates for our inspections on the oil spill in Lytle, TX. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

## **INITIAL REPORT (5/29)**

Operator: RPG Operating LLC (732193)

Lease: Keller (17413)

Field: Chicon Lake (17668001)

County: Medina

GPS: 29.25234 & -98.81786

A severe storm with about 5" of rain swept through the (b) (6) subdivision in Lytle, TX and broke a water leg on a separator releasing an estimated 15 barrels of oil. The vessel is located at an RPG

Operating tank battery. The heavy rain carried the oil into 2 lakes, creeks, irrigation canal, and the North prong of the Atascosa River. The responsible party RPG Operating was contacted, and they called out FlowFect. Flowfect will be performing the cleanup operations. They will have 2 crews, super suckers, vacuum trucks, portable containment supplies, mudpit cleaning/safety industrial cleaning equipment, paraffin removal, and tank cars.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> UPDATE REPORT (5/29)

Spoke with Johnny Melancon 830-931-1242 with Flowsect, the environmental company performing cleanup operations. He stated they have put up containment barriers to stop the flow of contaminant fluids. They will be going into the neighborhood yards with environmental soap and absorbent pads to soak up the oil that was spread on lawn grass. Vacuum trucks and super suckers will be on site to suck up oil that has pooled in low areas. Oil that has collected at the lake and pond banks is being picked up with pads. They will also be using hay bails in areas where the volume of the oil is greater than a film. They have 8 men on site doing the cleanup. They have 2 trucks sucking and washing with 2 trailers. Johnny said at this time the contaminating fluids have been contained. They will work today until dark and tomorrow come back out to resume cleanup operations.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> UPDATE REPORT (5/30)

Flowsect resumed cleanup operations today with 12 men on ground. They will be concentrating on the residents yards with environmental soap washing. They will also be working in the irrigation canal. They have 2 trucks sucking up waste material and 2 trucks washing. They will bring a tractor to mow grass areas. Washing will continue throughout the day. The plan going forward is to continue cleanup operations for about a week.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> UPDATE REPORT (5/30)

Flowsect is working on the irrigation canal that runs through the neighborhood spraying and washing down. Vacuum truck is sucking up fluids out of tank facility. They have nearly completed cleaning up at residential homes. This evening there is one home left to cleanup. This home will be cleaned up tomorrow. The house will be washed down, grass will be mowed, and they will treat and remediate. Twelve man crew still on site washing down oil stained areas. They will work until dark and continue with operations tomorrow.

### 4<sup>th</sup> UPDATE REPORT (5/31)

The cleanup crew is clearing affected brush around the private ponds on the land owners' properties and oil at the pond surface is being sucked up. At present, the final home to be cleaned is covered by too much water for the crew to begin cleanup.

# 5<sup>th</sup> UPDATE REPORT (5/31)

The cleanup is ongoing. The eastern lake section is visually clean while the western section is still having surface oil removed. Water is being sucked up at the corn field location. The final home to be cleaned is still covered but too much water for cleanup to begin.

#### **Michael Bosquez**

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